

### **AMENDMENTS FOR THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:


#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) Method for adjusting an embedded portion of a television signal comprising:  
receiving the television signal having the embedded portion;  
detecting the embedded portion of the television signal; and  
adjusting the embedded portion, where a downstream receiver ~~effects no change on a displayed video upon decoding~~ is prevented from processing the adjusted embedded portion.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
providing the television signal having the adjusted embedded portion to the downstream receiver.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said receiving, detecting and adjusting are performed in a set top terminal.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the downstream receiver comprises a television receiver.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the embedded portion comprises line 21 information of the television signal.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
demodulating the received television signal if the television signal is a digital television signal.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

decoding the received television signal if the television signal is an analog television signal.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said providing comprises:  
modulating the television signal into a NTSC television signal.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the embedded portion comprises closed captioning information.

 10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said adjusting comprises:  
determining whether to provide closed caption information on said displayed video; and  
removing closed captioning information from the television signal if said determining is  
to provide closed caption.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said adjusting comprises:  
determining whether to provide closed caption information on said displayed video; and  
passing closed captioning information in the television signal if said determining fails to  
provide closed caption, where a downstream receiver may provide closed captioning information  
upon decoding the television signal.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising:  
decoding said detected closed caption information to generate graphics information; and  
applying said graphics information to said displayed video.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the embedded portion comprises V-chip rating  
information.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said adjusting comprises:

determining whether to block the television signal based on the identified V-chip rating information; and

modifying the identified V-chip rating information to a universally unblocked rating if said determining is to pass the television signal.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein said adjusting comprises:

determining whether to block the television signal based on the identified V-chip rating information; and

modifying the identified V-chip rating information to a universally blocked rating if said determining is to block the television signal.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the embedded portion comprises a timestamp of a recorded video program.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein said adjusting comprises:

removing said timestamp from the television signal.

18. (Currently amended) An apparatus for adjusting an embedded portion of a television signal comprising:

a demodulator for demodulating a received television signal to a baseband television signal comprising an embedded portion; and

a processor, coupled to said demodulator, for detecting and adjusting said embedded portion of said baseband television signal, where a downstream receiver ~~effects no change on a displayed video upon decoding~~ is prevented from processing the adjusted embedded portion.

19. (Currently amended) A system for preventing a conflict in displayed video among a plurality of receivers comprising:

a first receiver for receiving the television signal and adjusting the embedded portion of the television signal; and

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a second receiver, coupled downstream from said first receiver, for decoding the embedded portion adjusted by said first receiver, where said second receiver ~~effects no change on a displayed video upon decoding~~ is prevented from processing the adjusted embedded portion.

20. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium storing a software program that, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method comprising:
- receiving a television signal having an embedded portion;
  - detecting said embedded portion of said television signal; and
  - adjusting said embedded portion, where a downstream receiver ~~effects no change on a displayed video upon decoding~~ is prevented from processing the adjusted embedded portion.
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